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Photo by Lance Cpl. Michael S. Cifuentes

Marines with 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, load sea bags for members of their battalion moments before deploying to Iraq for seven months.

## CMC wants deployment for Marines who haven't deployed yet in support of GWOT

By Cpl. Quentin Grogan  
Combat Correspondent

Marines are trained to do one thing, to fight. But there is a substantial amount of Marines waiting for their chance.

In a recent Marine Corps Times article, Gen. James Conway, Commandant of the Marine Corps, revealed that there were more than 66,000 Devil Dogs who have yet to deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan. In light of those startling numbers he recently devised a plan to get those Marines in the fight and announced it in ALMAR 002/7.

"When they join our Corps, Marines expect to train, deploy and fight," Conway stated in the

ALMAR. "That's who we are; that's what we do; and we must allow every Marine that opportunity."

But what does this mean for Marines aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow?

"Don't let the fact that you are in Barstow keep you from thinking you are not a part of the action, because you are," said Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Payton, personnel officer, military personnel division.

Even in Barstow, Marines may find themselves being deployed to fight alongside other Marines, he

added.

"There are two kinds of Marines, Marines in Iraq and Marines on their way to Iraq," said Payton.

With that said, it is important to get certain matters in order said Payton. Power of attorneys, physical conditioning and mental and family matters should be taken care of in preparation for deployment.

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"Any Marine on base could be picked to go, at any moment," said Payton.

The commandant also pointed out another item of interest in his intent, and that is to those Marines who vol-

unteer for deployment.

According to MARADMIN 049/07, Marines who volunteer for an individual augment must submit an administrative action form through the individual's chain of command.

Overall, the 66,000 Marines yet to deploy are now in the on-deck circle. Conway clearly stated in ALMAR 002/07, "Support a Marine's request to deploy."

Marines in Barstow, and Corps wide, who have yet to deploy, could soon find themselves in the deserts of Iraq or the mountains of Afghanistan alongside those Marines who have already been deployed two, three, or even four times.





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This week's ICE corner shows that good service goes a long way. Many departments and individuals are commended here for a job well done.

### Customer Comments:

I would like to thank the entire staff of the TAVSC office for their continued support of our Marines. They continually support the Marines by providing support for going away plaques, retirement, MC Ball, SMP, anything to help the Marines and civilians of MCLB Barstow. Please pass the

word to all your employees for all their outstanding help and support. Thank you.

I would like to commend the very outstanding work of **Darlene Piper**, I'm new to the Maintenance Center, and from the time I processed in, Piper has assisted me in getting all of the programs that I needed on my computer, I feel she went above the call of duty, because she took time from her work to come down to personally put the programs that I needed on my system, to help me get off to a good start on my job. Also, she has taken the time to come

to our department more than once, and her attitude has always been, "if you need help with anything, please give me a call." So I'm just saying all I have are good things to say about her.

I was impressed with the quality of services, professionalism, and personal concern of the people working at **Marine and Family Services** and how much I was helped. Bill Boxx was able to quickly identify my needs, addressing the core issues. I have told my friends to use these services. Top notch.

## Chaplain's Corner

# Getting into the wheelbarrow

By Lt. Tavis Long  
Base Chaplain

Jean Francois Gravelet was born on Feb. 28, 1824 in St. Omer, France. When he turned five, his parents sent him away to Lyons, France, where Jean became a terrific gymnast. He was so good that after only six months, he performed his first public acrobat routine under the name The Little Wonder. As The Little Wonder grew older his acts became more impressive. He became best known for inventing the death-defying act of tight rope walking. He became such a crowd favorite in the circuses that would travel Europe, that he decided to change his name into something every home would remember. Jean Francois Gravelet became Charles Blondin, and even that was shortened to The Great Blondin.

In 1859, he shocked the world when he announced that he was going to string a tight-rope across Niagara Falls.

The newspapers were in a frenzy advertising for the stunt that never before had been attempted, and the date was set for June 30, 1859. It was reported that more than 5,000 people,

including the Prince of Wales, were there waiting to see The Great Blondin walk across a 1,100 foot long tightrope suspended over a roaring Niagara Falls.

At 5 p.m., The Great Blondin stepped onto the tightrope for this historic trip between the two nations.

The crowd cheered as The Great Blondin, without so much as a waver, stepped safely to the opposite Canadian side of the falls. As if that were not enough, he then returned to the American side, but during his return, he suddenly stopped at the center of the wire. The crowd gasped, wondering why this world-famous acrobat was pausing.

Since The Great Blondin was an entertainer, he could not pass up a chance to amaze the crowd further. So, with a spring, he leaped into the air, did a back flip, and after landing gracefully on his feet, he finished his high wire trip



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## Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Quentin Grogan

Lance Cpl. Michael Harter, military policeman, Provost Marshall's Office, checks an identification card of a Marine attempting to board the base. Harter, a Petaluma, Calif., native, takes advantage of the local terrain here by going dirt bike riding.

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# News Briefs

## Military Mixer

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Community-Military Mixer will be held at the Veterans Home of California Barstow, 100 East Veterans Parkway, Barstow at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Advance tickets for civilians, military E-6 and above are \$15. Cost for military personnel E-1 through E-5 is \$10. Tickets at the door are \$17 except for "will calls."

Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, 681 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. (Harvey House) Barstow, Veterans Home of California-Barstow, the NTC/Fort Irwin Public Affairs Office in building 983, and the MCLB Barstow Public Affairs Office in building 204.

For more information or to purchase advance or "will call" tickets, contact the Barstow Chamber of Commerce at 760-256-8617.

## Leave Sharing Program

Krista Perez and Amaris Kanteena, Maintenance Center, have been affected by medical emergencies.

Anyone desiring to donate leave under the Leave Sharing Program may obtain a leave donor application through their department administrative office.

To donate or for more information, contact Margo Padilla at 577-7138.

## Voting Slogan Contest

The 2008 primary and general elections promise to be very exciting, and the Federal Voting Assistance Program needs a slogan to inspire interest and participation.

The Voting Slogan Contest is a biennial contest sponsored by FVAP in its efforts to promote interest in elections among citizens covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. These citizens include, members of the Uniformed Services, the Merchant Marine, their families, and all U.S. citizens residing outside of the United States.

To participate: Create a

simple slogan (or slogans) that expresses in your own words the importance of voting or something that may inspire someone to vote, and then submit it to the FVAP.

Upon completion of the contest April 9, a panel of independent judges will review slogan submissions and choose the winning slogan on its originality and motivational value. This winning slogan will be featured in the FVAP's 2008 information campaign which focuses on increasing voter awareness among U.S. citizens worldwide and encouraging them to participate.

In addition, slogans will be posted on the FVAP Website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) in the 2008-2009 Voting Assistance Guide, on motivational posters, audiovisual materials and in other FVAP publications and manuals.

The contest winner and runners-up will not only feel the satisfaction of knowing that their slogan is helping improve voter awareness, but they will also be given a certificate of recognition for their contribution to this important endeavor.

There is no limit to the number of entries an individual may submit, but all slogans must be submitted separately (only one slogan per entry). The deadline for submission is April 9.

All submissions must include the submitter's full name, service if in the military, mailing address, daytime telephone number, fax number and email address so that FVAP may contact the winners.

Entries can be submitted by one of the following methods:

**E-mail:** Send messages to [slogan@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:slogan@fvap.ncr.gov). Text only, one slogan per e-mail with contact information on each e-mail. Enter "Voting Slogan Contest" on the subject line.

Due to security concerns, e-mail messages with attachments are subject to deletion.

**Fax:** Send faxes to (703) 696-1352 or DSN 426-1352. Or visit the FVAP Website for a list of toll-free fax numbers from 51 countries. Submit separate

Sempertoons

Created by Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf  
USMC Active



pages for each slogan with contact information on each page. No cover sheet is necessary.

## Facility Inspections

Public Works is currently conducting, in-depth, facilities inspections on all Yermo facilities. The contracted personnel will be inspecting the buildings for overall appearance as well as in-depth examinations of wiring, plumbing and lighting.

Please provide courtesy to the inspecting personnel; they will provide information in which Public Works will utilize to justify funding obligations of maintenance, repair and construction for facilities.

For questions or concerns, contact the Public Works Officer, Captain Gilmore, at 577-6369.

## Marine Corps Scholarship

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation is looking for students who qualify for Academic Year 2007-2008 to receive a scholarship from \$500 to \$10,000 annually.

To qualify, you must be a child of a Marine on active duty, in the reserves, retired or de-

ceased.

Or the child of an active duty, reserve, or former US Navy Corpsman who is serving or has served with the Marine Corps.

To obtain an application form, visit [www.mcsf.org](http://www.mcsf.org).

The deadline for high school seniors is March 1.

## Commissary Scholarship

The Defense Commissary Agency's scholarship for military children is now accepting applications for 2007. The \$1,500 scholarships are available for children of active-duty, retired, and Guard and Reserve service members.

Applications can be picked up from the base commissary and must be turned in by Feb. 21. The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2007, or can be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

## Motorcycle Riders Course

The class dates for the 2007 Basic Motorcycle Riders Course

are Feb. 23 through 25.

For more information on training requirements and class availability contact Cedric Baker, base safety office, at 577-6002.

## Ontario USO

The USO at Ontario is operational seven days a week. Operating hours for Mondays through Fridays are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. For Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The USO is located inside of the old Terminal One, Building F, near remote parking at the L.A./Ontario International Airport in Ontario, Calif.

For any questions or concerns, active duty, guard, reserve and retired service members can call 909-390-4380.

## Editor's Note

"News Briefs" are designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Any submissions to be used in the paper should be received Fridays by noon for the following week's issue. Submit briefs via e-mail to [BSTW\\_PAOLIST@usmc.mil](mailto:BSTW_PAOLIST@usmc.mil).

# MASP helps service members prepare for testing, future

By Cpl. Nich R. Babb  
Combat Correspondent

When a Marine thinks back to the stuff he learned in school before joining the Corps, he is at times a little rusty. Sometimes, the Marine does not remember how to cross-multiply two equal fractions to find the missing variable, or forgets what the difference between an adjective and an adverb is. Fortunately, with the use of the Military Academic Skills Program, the Marine can refresh their knowledge of some basic and complex academic skills.

MASP is a program designed for all service members who wish to improve their academic skills in reading, communication/writing and math, said Francis Villeme, education officer, Lifelong Learning Center.

"Those are the three areas a Marine would need to have their strength in, to be successful,"

Villeme explained.

With the use of MASP, a service member will be able to properly prepare for many forms of academic testing, said Villeme. In addition to the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, military personnel can prepare for the Scholastic Aptitude Test, a college placement test or even a civilian company's general knowledge test.

An individual's general technical score on the ASVAB is important though, because it can provide more opportunities for a service member throughout their career, as well as make them look like a good candidate for a commissioning program, Villeme noted.

In general, if a Marine had a GT score that was less than 99, changing their military occupational specialty or applying for a 'B' billet MOS could be a challenge, said Staff Sgt. Michael

Woods, career planner, headquarters battalion. Some MOSs require a GT score that is more than 99 for a Marine to have its designation.

In addition, 'B' billets are good for Marines because they help with promotion and look good on a Marine's record when they are reviewed by a board, Woods said.

With so many benefits associated with MASP, it is hard for Villeme to believe that so few individuals take advantage of the program, he said. This could be due to the fact that originally MASP was a four-week long course that required service members to attend class the entire time as opposed to work.

As a result, since most work areas on base cannot afford to have a Marine, Sailor or Soldier leave for that amount of time, the Marine Corps has made an ex-

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## Hail and Farewell



Photo by Curt Lambert

Sgt. Maj. Donald George, outgoing first sergeant, headquarters battalion, holds onto his wife, Maria L. George, during an awards ceremony Friday. George served as the battalion first sergeant from Aug. 23, 2003 through Jan. 29.



# MCB mechanics go to Philippines for Paxman tune up

By Lance Cpl. Josh Carmona  
Combat Correspondent

Two men check the shed sized 16 cylinder engine, they carefully scan the innards for minor inconsistencies and miniscule imperfections, to brush up their skills for their trip overseas.

Ernest Flanders, work leader, and Robert Schneider, mechanic, both with Cost Work Center 719, are on their way to the Philippines to tune-up the four 16RP200M Paxman motors in a Philippine battleship. The Paxman engines are roughly the size of a midsize car and have 4,000 horsepower, said Flanders. The ships the Philippine Navy uses contains four of the Paxman engines, he said.

Their voyage overseas is not as easy as boarding a normal flight between American cities, said Flanders. It will begin with a safety brief and information about the political state of the Philippines.

From there they will travel by airplane from Los Angeles International Airport to Hong Kong, they will get a

connecting flight to the city of Manila, Philippines and finally arrive in Davao, Philippines by way of Philippine military escort.

"I've been to Bahrain, Key West, Alaska and all over the United States," said Schneider, who has worked at the Maintenance Center for 15 years.

Schneider said he enjoys his job because he gets to travel in-country and around the world to work on engines.

Flanders said he enjoys the tourist opportunities and the interesting products sold at the Philippine malls, "There's all sorts of stores, anything you could ever want to buy you can get in the mall."

Schneider said he enjoyed his first trip to the Philippines especially the company of the locals.

"They call me 'The American Gorilla' and ask me if I am Hulk Hogan's brother," laughed Schneider.

He said the only downfall of working in a foreign country is the language barrier.

Schneider said his least favorite country to visit was Bahrain. Working

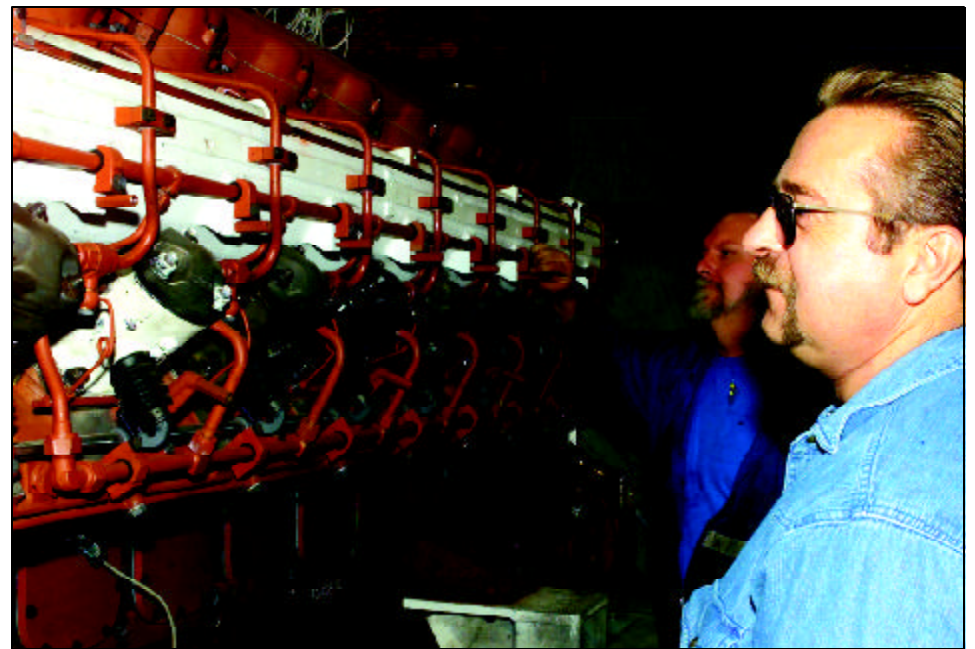


Photo by Lance Cpl. Josh Carmona

Ernest Flanders and Robert Schneider, mechanics, Cost Work Center 719, check and re-check a Paxman 16RP200M motor to prepare for tuning-up a Philippine battleship. Flanders and Schneider have been to various countries while at MCB.

there was difficult because of its location in the hot sun and low humidity of the desert island in the Middle East.

"While we weren't working we had the opportunity to see the 'Tree of Life', a mesquite tree in the middle of the desert with no known water source, it

was really cool."

Both men said they enjoy traveling and indulging in the culture of the country they are visiting in, but agree that their favorite part of the trip is coming back to their homes and families.



## President's proclamation for African American History Month

By George W. Bush

President of the United States of America

African Americans have been an integral part of America for generations, and our Nation is stronger because of their contributions.

During National African American History Month, we honor the achievements of African Americans and recognize our continued responsibility to strive for equality for all our citizens.

With grace and determination, African American men and women have shaped our Nation and influenced American life. Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. DuBois, Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther King, Jr., advanced the cause of civil rights for all Americans and helped change the course of American

history.

Educators Booker T. Washington and Carter G. Woodson helped break down racial barriers in education to provide opportunity for all people. Americans have benefited from the achievements of scientists like George Washington Carver. Artists such as Pearl Bailey, Ella Fitzgerald, and Louis Armstrong inspired Americans and created some of the most celebrated music this Nation has ever produced.

The theme of this year's National African American History Month, "From Slavery to Freedom: Africans in the Americas," recalls African Americans' long journey to justice and commemorates the courage and persistence of the heroes who called on our Nation to live up to its founding prom-

ise.

A century after African American soldiers fought for their freedom on the battlefields of the Civil War, African Americans struggled peacefully for their rights in the streets of Birmingham, Ala., and on the Mall in Washington, D.C. Courageous civil rights leaders answered hate and discrimination with love and dignity, toppled segregation laws, and worked to make America a more just and hopeful Nation.

All Americans can be proud of the progress we have made, yet the work for a more perfect union is not done.

As we celebrate National African American History Month, we reaffirm our commitment to build a society where every individual has the opportunity to achieve the promise of this

great land.

Now, therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim February 2007 as National African American History Month. I call upon public officials, educators, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities that honor the significant contributions African Americans have made to our Nation.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 26 day of January, in the year of our Lord 2007, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.



Blondin crossing the Niagara river

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back to the American side of the falls. The crowd cheered with delight. The Great Blondin had defied death.

Blondin continued to walk the tightrope of Niagara Falls for the following year drawing crowds as large as 25,000 people. Blondin was never content on repeating a performance though, so each show was different and spectacular in its own way. One time he rode a bicycle across, once he did it with his hands and feet chained,

another time he walked blindfolded, and yet another time he stopped halfway across and cooked himself an omelet. But, at one particular show, in an effort to astonish the crowd, Blondin decided to push a wheelbarrow across.

After successfully going back and forth with the wheelbarrow, he turned to the crowd and shouted "who believes that I can cross again pushing this wheelbarrow." They had already seen him do it several times successfully, so every hand in the crowd went up. Blondin pointed at one man.

"Do you believe that I can do it?" he asked. The man nodded that he believed he could.

"Are you certain?" said Blondin

"Yes," said the man.

"Absolutely certain?" The man replied that he was absolutely certain.

"Do you believe I can do it with a person in the wheelbar-

row?" asked Blondin.

"Yes, I believe you can."

"Are you certain?"

"Yes, absolutely certain."

"Thank you" said Blondin, "then sir, get into the wheelbarrow."

Amazingly, the man refused to get into the wheelbarrow, as did the rest of the crowd. Everyone was confident in the abilities of The Great Blondin until it required them to put their life in his hands.

This illustrates a very important truth. It seems that there are so many who say they believe that God exists, they even believe that He had a Son who died on the cross, and they even acknowledge that there is a Divine plan to give them eternal life. But, when it comes to making a decision to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior, they are just too afraid to get into the wheelbarrow.

Did you know that it is no great thing to simply believe God

exists? The Bible explains this clearly in James 2:19. The Bible says, "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble." It is not enough to just know in your head that there is a God, for as the passage says, even the devils know that much.

Consider this passage from Romans 10:9-10. It says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." The passage goes on to say that, "with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;

and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." You see, one must believe from the heart.

There are so many who have a knowledge of God, but they do not have a relationship with Him. They know everything about Him, but they do not really know Him. In other words, they just will not take that step of faith and "get into the wheelbarrow." How about you, do you have a head-knowledge of Him? That is not enough. The Bible says you need to believe in your heart. So, let me encourage you to "get into the wheelbarrow."



Blondin's wheelbarrow used to cross a tight rope over Niagara Falls.



# Purple is color for heroes who have bled red

**By Lance Cpl. R. Drew Hendricks**  
Combat Correspondent

CAMP SMITH, Hawaii -- "By order of the president of the United States, the Purple Heart, established by George Washington at Newburgh, 7 August, 1782, during the War of the Revolution, is hereby revived out of respect to his memory and military achievements." On Feb. 22, 1932, this order was published by the War Department in order to bring back to service an award that had been disregarded for nearly 150 years.

In 1782, the Badge of Military Merit became the first American decoration for conspicuous military service.

While it was a decoration for such service, it was not the first U.S. medal. That status is held by the Medal of Honor, which was approved by Congress in 1862 during the Civil War.

According to "Ribbons and Medals," written by H. Taprell Dorling, the design of the

Badge of Military Merit was a figure of a heart in purple cloth edged with narrow silver lace or binding. This award was only presented to three non-commissioned officers during the Revolutionary War: Sgt. Daniel Bissell of the 2nd Connecticut Regiment of the Continental Line, Sgt. William Brown of the 5th Connecticut Regiment of the Continental Line, and Sgt. Elijah Churchill of the 2nd Continental Dragoons, also a Connecticut regiment.

On the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth, nearly 150 years after it was last awarded, the Badge of Military Merit was revived as the Purple Heart.

Originally only awarded by the Army, former president Franklin D. Roosevelt extended the use of the Purple Heart to the Navy, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard after the attacks on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, according to the historians of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

When the Air Force was later established in 1947, the award was extended to Airmen as well.

The Purple Heart is a bronze, heart-shaped medal with a purple ceramic heart incased in the center with a bust of Washington placed on top. Washington's family crest is centered above the heart. Purple Hearts are made by hand at Graco Awards in Tomball, Texas.

Today the Purple Heart is awarded to service members and civilian nationals who, while serving in any capacity with an armed force of the United States, are killed or wounded in action against an enemy of the United States. The wound received must require medical attention in order to merit the Purple Heart.

Other actions that merit the Purple Heart include those who are killed or wounded as a result of:

- An act of any hostile foreign force.
- Friendly fire while actively

engaging the enemy.

•Indirect enemy action. (Example: injuries resulting from parachuting from a plane brought down by enemy fire.)

•Maltreatment inflicted by their captors while a prisoner of war.

•International terrorist attack against the U.S. or a foreign nation friendly to the U.S., after March 28, 1973.

•Military operations while serving outside the territory of the United States as part of a peacekeeping force, after March 28, 1973.

The Purple Heart was also awarded retroactively to all service members who met any of these requirements before Feb. 22, 1932.

The first modern Purple Heart was awarded to Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who was one of the leading forces behind its revival, according to the MOPH.

From July 1958 to March 2003, there have been approximately 235,000 Purple Hearts awarded, according to the Military Awards Branch, Army

Human Resources Command.

The most Purple Hearts received by one person is eight. Four Army soldiers share that distinction:

•Richard J. Buck - Four Purple Hearts for his actions during the Korean War and four during the Vietnam War.

•Robert T. Frederick - Eight Purple Hearts in World War II.

•David H. Hackworth - Four Purple Hearts in the Korean War and four in the Vietnam War.

•Robert L. Howard - Eight Purple Hearts in the Vietnam War; he also received the Medal of Honor, the nations highest military award.

"The Purple Heart is the only decoration that attests, without question, to the bearer having been in combat and one that an individual can not be recommended for," said Tom Poulter, the National Commander of the MOPH.

The Purple Heart stands as the oldest U.S. military decoration and the first to be made available to the common soldier.

## Intel shines guiding light for ground forces

**By Lance Cpls. Geoffrey P. Ingersoll and Priscilla M. Juan**  
Combat Correspondents

The roads of the Al Anbar Province have proven the most hazardous threat to U.S. service members in Iraq. Every Marine's eyes must remain watchful to avoid these hazards, especially when darkness reduces their ability to see.

But with a clearer picture of the battlefield in hand, intelligence Marines can shine a guiding light for the Marines on Iraq's roads, day or night.

"We track enemy activity and try to piece together the puzzle to better understand the battlefield," said Sgt. James P. Kenyon, an intelligence specialist with Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, and 1st Marine Logistics Group (Fwd.).

Intelligence personnel gather informa-

tion from multiple sources and use it to aid coalition forces on the ground said Kenyon, a 26-year-old Las Vegas native.

"Intelligence is imperative in this area of operations. Improvised explosive devices are (an important) focus in the Al Anbar Province," said Kenyon. With intelligence, with someone trained to look at the bigger picture, logistics has a better idea of what's going on, he added.

Looking at the bigger picture doesn't keep Intelligence Marines confined to their desks all the time. Opportunities for information gathering present themselves both on and off base, and in and out of "hot" areas.

Combat definitely changes someone's perspective on life, said Kenyon, who has served three tours in the Middle East.

"I vividly remember every experience. You think about it, reflect, and use that to move on," said Kenyon.

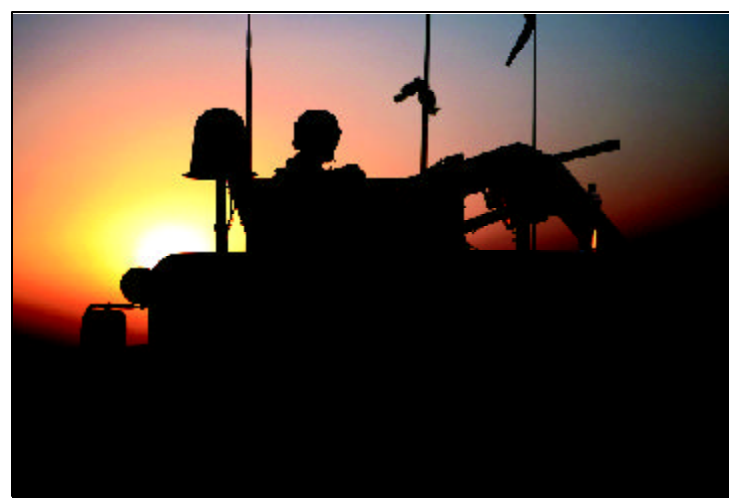


Photo by Lance Cpl. Geoffrey P. Ingersoll

When the sun goes down, Marines like Lance Cpl. Jason P. Cogley, a 20-year-old Rocky Mount, N.C. native and a machine gunner with the Military Police Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Fwd), use the information provided by intelligence to help position themselves on the battlefield.

"You've got to find that release, something to keep your mind off what's going on," he added.

There is a lot of confusion about how intelligence personnel operate, said Kenyon. They process useful information for those Marines going out in town in order to give them a better understanding of what they may be facing, he said.

ident," said Kenyon. "I know that some part of that was their knowledge of what is taking place."

Helping Marines survive on the battlefield, no matter how indirect, is what Kenyon likes to do.

"You're only going to have one shot at life, no matter what you believe, so you try to make the most of it as best you can."

This vital information can potentially save lives, said Kenyon. By processing collected information, intelligence can help prevent enemy ambushes and lower the risk of traveling through dangerous areas, he said.

"The most rewarding part of the job is when units go out and return without casualties or inci-

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ception for MCLB Barstow’s MASP, said Villeme.

To complete the MASP, there are two options for people to take advantage of, Villeme said. One option is a computer-based program that is given by Villeme in the base library and an online course.

For the courses, Villeme is required to monitor the progress of the student, but they are generally an individual effort, he said. As such, for the online course, a person can complete the classes from any computer while at home, in the base library or even at work.

Obviously, mission accomplishment comes first while service members are at work, but since the program is considered military training, it can be taken advantage of while in the office, Villeme clarified.

Villeme said he has the resources for a person’s educational improvement; he just needs people to take advantage of them. Most service members who should use the MASP don’t, and to Villeme, that doesn’t make sense because the program can only help.

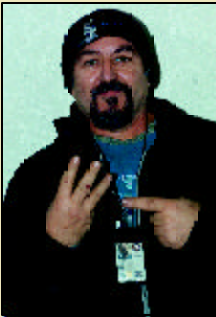
# Gunny’s Picks

## Top Prognosticators

There are a few days left before Super Bowl XLI and this is about the time where the top four pigskin prognosticators from the 2006 – 2007 NFL regular season are recognized. To be in the running for this honor, participants must have submitted a minimum of 230 picks for the season. It’s understandable that people may have missed some weeks but that’s ok, at least they tried to catch every week. The playoff games were not counted and, of course, neither were the pre-season games. So, without further delay here are the Top Dawgs for this year’s Gunny’s Picks:



Rick Wiley



Joe Sanchez



Danny Sanchez



Keith Jenkins

NAME	WINS	LOSSES	TOTAL	PCT.
Rick Wiley	158	94	252	63%
Joe Sanchez	144	95	239	60%
Danny Sanchez	149	103	252	59%
Keith Jenkins	149	103	252	59%

Congratulations to the top four and to all participants. Enjoy the game this weekend, and we will be back next season.





### Super Bowl XLI

Come watch the Colts vs. the Bears in Super Bowl XLI Sunday, at the Oasis Club. The festivities begin at 2 p.m., with Kick Off scheduled for 3 p.m., we will be offering an all you can eat buffet for \$5, along with drink specials, prizes and games. Remember, as an MCLB patron you are eligible to sponsor a friend to attend this event, so bring the whole crew and watch the game with us. For more information, contact 577-5893.

### Valentine Dinner Dance

The Oasis Club will be hosting a Valentine Dinner Dance Feb. 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$40 per couple, which includes choice of prime rib or chicken dinner, bottle of champagne and live band with dancing. The CDC will also be available to provide child care to all current CDC patrons at no charge. Lots of extras, flowers, candy and a chance to win a weekend trip for two. Reserve your tickets today by calling 577-5893.

### Here's to the Heroes

A tribute program that so far has provided free admission to Anheuser-Busch theme parks to more than 1.7 million members of the U.S. and coalition armed forces and their families has been extended through 2007. Anheuser-Busch launched "Here's to the Heroes" in February 2005 to acknowledge the service of military men and women and the sacrifices made by their families.

Here's to the Heroes provides a single day's free admission to any one Sea World or Bush Gardens park, Sesame Place, Adventure Island or Water Country USA for the service member and as many as three of his or her direct dependents.

Any active duty, active reserve, ready reserve service member or National Guardsman is entitled to free admission under the program. He or she need only register, either online at [www.herosalute.com](http://www.herosalute.com) or in the entrance plaza of a participating park, and show a Department of Defense photo ID. Also included in the offer are members of foreign military forces serving the coalitions in Iraq or Afghanistan or attached to American units in the U.S. for training. Inactive, standby and retired reserve members, military retirees, U.S. Merchant

Marine and civilian Department of Defense workers are ineligible for the program.

Three Anheuser-Bush parks - Sea World Orland, Bush Gardens Tampa Bay and Sea World San Diego - operate year round. The company's remaining parks are seasonal, with varying opening dates this spring. Each park's operating schedule is available online.

### Shattered Lives

The Family Advocacy Program, Marine and Family Services Division, would like you to join them for the video assisted presentation of "Shattered Lives", Feb. 7, at 11 a.m. in Building 218.

This educational presentation examines domestic violence from several different perspectives. The workshop will demonstrate several strategies that are helpful in resolving the cycle of violence. This is useful information for all service members and their families. For more information please contact Geniel Bratton at 577-6533.

### Family Dining Night

Featured every Thursday at the Oasis Club. Make Family Dining Night a traditional night out, and let us do the dishes. Upcoming menu:

**Today** - Mongolian Barbeque

**Feb. 8** - Ham and Potatoes

**Feb. 15** - Fried Chicken

For more information, contact the Oasis Club at 577-6432.

### Lunch Menu

#### Family Restaurant

**Today** - Fruit and salad bar.

**Friday** - Lemon baked cod, rice pilaf, and vegetables.

**Monday** - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, and vegetables.

**Tuesday** - Barbecue pork ribs, baked beans, corn on the cob, and corn.

**Wednesday** - Chicken teriyaki breast, steamed jasmine rice, and vegetables.

**Salads and Sub Sandwiches** - A variety of pre-made daily items are available in the front display refrigerator.

#### Lanzer's Lounge

**Today** - Chicken breast and potato salad.

**Friday** - Catfish sandwich and coleslaw.

**Monday** - Salisbury steak.

**Tuesday** - Beef meat loaf.

**Wednesday** - Pork super ribs and coleslaw.

**Included with every meal is a roll and fountain drink, unless otherwise stated.**

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